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Public Chapter	Hyperlink	Description	Amends TN Code §	Effective Date
18	Public Chapter 18	Creates the Meth-Free Tennessee Act of 2005.	Titles 39.68	4/29/05
37	Public Chapter 37	Extends the local education insurance committee, created by § 8-27-301, to June 30, 2009.	4-29-226(a) 4-29-230(a)	7/1/05
108	Public Chapter 108	Clarifies that a World War I, II, or Korean War veteran does not have to be a current Tennessee resident to receive a diploma from Tennessee high school attended.	49-2-119	5/4/05
143	Public Chapter 143	Requires 12-month agricultural education programs that were in existence during the 1992-93 school year or implemented thereafter to be maintained as 12-month programs if determined to be a quality agricultural education program by criteria established by the Department of Education.	49-5-416	5/9/05
154	Public Chapter 154	Allows school buses to operate a flashing, wig-wag lighting system when receiving and discharging children.	55-9-402	5/9/05
177	Public Chapter 177	Requires elementary and secondary schools to provide annually information about meningococcal disease to parents and guardians of students.	49-6-5005 49-13-111 49-50-802 49-6-3050 68-1-1202	7/1/05
191	Public Chapter 191	Enacts the "Local Government Modernization Act of 2005." Specifies the comptroller will review and evaluate those county governments which fail to implement accounting and financial reporting standards and make recommendations on how to improve the system to facilitate compliance with reporting standards. Requires the county legislative body to act upon the recommendation within ninety days of notification.		5/19/05

192	Public Chapter 192	Establishes the purpose of each family resource center will be to maximize the potential learning capacity of the child. Specifies how the resource centers will maximize the learning capacity. Requires the department of education and the department of children's services to develop guidelines for the operation of family resource centers.	49-2-115	5/19/05
194	Public Chapter 194	Authorizes LEAs to complete a health report card on each child enrolled within their school system whose parents have not requested exclusion from body mass index (BMI) testing within 90 days of the beginning of each school year. Permissive.	Title 49, Chapter 6	5/19/05
200	Public Chapter 200	Authorizes LEAs to establish evening alternative schools for students in grades 6-12.	49-6-501 49-6-3402	5/19/05
202	Public Chapter 202	Requires each public school to adopt a policy addressing bullying by students.	49-6-1014-1019	5/19/05
211	Public Chapter 211	Creates an enhancement program for debt financing by local governments for LEA capital outlay projects.	Title 4, Chapter 31	7/1/05
218	Public Chapter 218	Gives local education agencies the authority to allocate state funds designated for extended contracts as such agencies see fit in order to meet annual needs assessment specifications, as long as such allocation of funds is consistent with the needs of the specific programs.	49-5-5209	5/27/05
219	Public Chapter 219	Allows student with anaphylaxis to self-administer medication while on school property or at school-related events if such student meets certain requirements.	49-5-415	7/1/05
223	Public Chapter 223	Requires local board of education to recommend use of local dedicated education fund balance for recurring or nonrecurring annual operating expenses or for budgeting purposes before appropriation of such funds by local legislative body.	49-3-352	5/27/05
291	Public Chapter 291	Encourages school districts to implement a program to maintain and improve air quality in schools. Requires the Department of Education to conduct a survey of local school districts on air quality issues.	Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1	6/6/05
299	Public Chapter 299	Requires active or retired military personnel who seek to serve as JROTC instructors to be properly licensed.	49-5-108	6/6/05
312	Public Chapter 312	Enacts the "Voluntary Pre-K for Tennessee Act of 2005."	Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1	6/6/05

320	Public Chapter 320	Extends the time by which the General Assembly by private act or the local legislative body by resolution may adopt a plan to implement four-year staggered terms of election for a local board of education from July 31, 2000, to July 31, 2005.	49-2-201	6/7/05
335	Public Chapter 335	Requires LEAs to implement conflict resolution intervention programs for grades three through six. Current law requires such programs for grades one and two only. Also requires each LEA to report to the commissioner on the conflict resolution intervention programs implemented during the previous school year.	49-2-118	7/1/05
338	Public Chapter 338	Allows redetermination of salary ratings for certain school personnel who complete additional academic training after the beginning of a school year but prior to January 1 of the school year.	49-5-402	1/1/06
346	Public Chapter 346	Directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Education, to conduct a study of the benefits of cognitive behavioral therapy for students with persistent behavioral problems.	Title 49, Chapter 6	6/7/05
359	Public Chapter 359	Specifies that if within 180 days of the end of the school year a school bus reaches fifteen years of use it can still be operated if it meets all the requirements for safe use and operation.	49-6-2109	6/7/05
414	Public Chapter 414	Expands Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002 in terms of student enrollment eligibility and charges the Comptrollers Office to conduct a comprehensive study of charter schools.	Title 49, Chapter 13,	6/17/05
415	Public Chapter 415	Requires that the Executive Director of the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute shall have demonstrated expertise in foreign language or cultural issues and programs.	49-50-1304	6/17/05
416	Public Chapter 416	Establishes the Governor's Books from Birth Fund to promote and foster development of a comprehensive statewide program for encouraging preschool children to read.	Title 4	6/17/05

425	Public Chapter 425	Changes the number of hours that an after-school program must be available to students in order to qualify for a lottery grant or lottery funded technical assistance from 20 hours per week to an average of 15 hours per week. Gives preference to programs that maintain an enrollment consisting of at least 80 percent at-risk children.	49-6-702	6/17/05
446	Public Chapter 446	Authorizes the State Board of Education to establish policies whereby a student, who narrowly misses passage of the Gateway exams, may be awarded points based upon clear indicia of student classroom performance and achievement.	48-6-6001	6/17/05
447	Public Chapter 447	Permits children of full-time public school technology coordinators to receive same tuition discount at state institutions of higher education as children of full-time certified public school teachers.	49-7-119	6/17/05
452	Public Chapter 452	Addresses adjustments in ADM as necessary to effectuate an equitable distribution and division of state BEP funds between two or more school districts in a county. Permits the commissioner to make such adjustments. Requires joint agreement between two or more school districts.	49-3-317	6/18/05
454	Public Chapter 454	Directs the Education Oversight Committee to examine and study the dates for starting and ending the school year in public schools.	49-6-3004	6/18/05
462	Public Chapter 462	Rewrites process of request for proposals in construction management services provided to local boards of education. Requires written RFP. Prohibits bundling of more than three construction projects in a single RFP. Requires sealed bids for actual construction work be opened at the bid opening and requires that the names of the contractors and their bid amounts be announced.	49-2-203	6/18/05
471	Public Chapter 471	Prohibits a director of schools from serving on the county legislative body. Grandfathers in those individuals currently serving in both capacities.	5-5-102	6/18/05
481	Public Chapter 481	Makes revisions to the lottery scholarship program. Increases scholarship grants; extends period of enrollment for high school graduates; allows weighted grade point averages; funds dual enrollment grants for high school students who are receiving college credit in courses at eligible post-secondary institutions.	Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9	Sections 1-3: 7/1/07 Remaining Sections: 6/20/05

SR0029	SR0029	Approves the revisions to components of the BEP as proposed by the State Board of Education and recommended by the House and Senate Education Committees.	
HJR0116	HJR0116	Urges additional funding for alternative schools and alternative school programs.	
HJR0117	HJR0117	Urges additional funding for dropout prevention programs.	
HJR0131	HJR0131	Expresses support for an increase in funding for the expansion of early childhood programs.	
HJR0132	HJR0132	Urges additional funding for advanced placement programs.	

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